

CHADBOURN, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AND YEARS OF SERVICE AS A TOWN COUNCILMAN AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE. DAVID PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 24, 2006, AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH PROSTATE CANCER. DAVID'S TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, AND ALTRUISM AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND MEMBER OF THE CHADBOURN COMMUNITY WILL LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF GENERATIONS TO COME.

Born in Chadbourn, David entered first grade the year that the landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education* was decided. David went on to graduate from West Columbus High School in 1966. During high school, David enjoyed playing in the band and singing in the choir, but he was most well-known for being a star athlete of the basketball team. In fact, David was the first African-American to play in the N.C. East-West All-Star basketball game. Well-known coach Cotton Fitzsimmons recognized David's ability and spirit and recruited him to play basketball at the college level. David went on to become a freshman starter on the Moberly Junior College National Championship Team and was named the best defensive player on the 1970 Kansas State University Big 8 Championship team.

David showed his talent and perseverance off the court as well. He received his undergraduate and Master's degrees from Kansas State University. Later, David earned a second Master's degree from North Carolina Central University in educational leadership. In 1973, David became an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and served in that capacity for 16 years. David was elected to the Town Council in 1995, and he was elected Mayor Pro Tempore just in the last year.

David utilized the skills he learned playing basketball and the knowledge he learned in school to become a very influential educational and sports leader in Southeastern North Carolina. David truly made a difference in the lives of his students. For 16 years, David worked as an educational administrator for Columbus County schools. His most recent position was as an Assistant Principal at Williams Township School. From 1970–1988, David coached basketball at Kansas State University, Jacksonville University, Pensacola Junior College, Tate High School, and Durham High School. In 1988, David's Durham High School team was the PAC6 Tournament Champs, and he was named the Durham City County Prep Coach of the Year.

Legendary UCLA Basketball Coach John Wooden once said, "Sports do not build character. They reveal it." This statement could not be more true in the case of David Lawrence. The manner in which David played basketball as a youth and coached basketball as an adult not only revealed his leadership, but also more importantly, his unselfish commitment to others and causes greater than himself.

Mr. Speaker, dedicated service to others combined with dynamic leadership has been the embodiment of David's life. May we all use his wisdom, selflessness, and integrity as a beacon of direction and a source of true enlightenment for many years to come. Indeed, may God bless to all of our memories the honored life and legacy of David Lawrence.

## THE TAX CODE TERMINATION ACT

### HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2006*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Tax Code Termination Act".

This bi-partisan legislation, which I introduced with my colleague COLLIN PETERSON of Minnesota, will accomplish two goals. It will abolish the Internal Revenue Code by December 31, 2009, and call on Congress to approve a new Federal tax system by July of the same year.

The fact is our current tax system has spiraled out of control. Today's tax code is unfair, discourages against savings and investment, and is impossibly complex.

A few years ago, Money magazine asked 50 professional tax preparers to file a return for a fictional family. No one came up with the same tax total, nor did any of the preparers calculate what Money magazine thought was the correct Federal income tax. The results varied by thousands of dollars. At a time when Americans devote a total of 7 billion hours each year to comply with the tax code, we need tax simplification.

Whichever simple tax system is adopted, the key ingredients should be: a low rate for all Americans; tax relief for working people; protection of the rights of taxpayers and reduction in tax collection abuses; promotion of savings and investment; and encouragement of economic growth and job creation. Taxes may be unavoidable but they don't have to be unfair and overcomplicated.

While many questions remain about the best way to reform our tax system, I am certain that if Congress is forced to address the issue we can create a tax code that is simpler, fairer, and better for our economy than the one we are forced to comply with today. The problem is Congress won't act on such a contentious issue unless it is forced to do so. The Tax Code Termination Act will force Congress to finally debate and address fundamental tax reform.

Just like other programs that require reauthorization, the tax code must be reviewed to examine whether it is fulfilling its intended purpose and then Congress must make what changes are necessary.

There is a widespread consensus that the current system is broken, and keeping it is not in America's best interest. I urge each of my colleagues to support this important legislation.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. LAWRENCE W. SCOTT

### HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2006*

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to memorialize the life of a distinguished American, Dr. Lawrence "Bill" W. Scott, who passed away on December 20, 2005.

Throughout his illustrious life, Dr. Scott could claim many "firsts." In 1944, he was the first black student body president of Foshay Middle School. In 1947, he graduated with

honors from Polytechnic High School, where he participated in track and field and also served as the first black student body president. In 1948, he attended the University of California at Berkeley and later became the student body "representative at large." After receiving his degree from Berkeley, in 1951, Dr. Scott was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served for two years during the Korean War. He eventually attained the rank of Captain.

After his discharge from the Army, Dr. Scott enrolled in the pre-med program at the University of California at Los Angeles. In 1957, the then new UCLA School of Medicine accepted Dr. Scott as its first African American medical student. Upon graduation, Dr. Scott interned at Harbor General Hospital, ultimately specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. He subsequently opened two women's clinics in Los Angeles.

At the age of 52 and after 14 years of medical practice, Dr. Scott returned to law school and received his J.D. from Southwestern University School of Law in 1980. After passing the bar, he initially thought he would pursue missionary work; however, he worked as a forensic attorney and represented victims in malpractice suits.

Dr. Scott's achievements, honors, and awards are numerous. He was the first African American resident at Queen of Angels Hospital in Los Angeles. At one time, he held the record for the most infants delivered at Cedars-Sinai Medical center. He also served on the Board of Governors of the UCLA Foundation in the mid-1980s.

His interest in people and his special affection for children was evident. He enjoyed sports and was an avid tennis player. He also loved music, from jazz to the classics. He will be remembered by many for his wonderful humor and his black book of jokes.

Dr. Scott is survived by his devoted wife of 8 years, Maria; his three children, Rebecca, Brian, and Onjale Scott; his sister, Darling Scott Herod; his brother, Paul Richard Scott; mother-in-law, Loretta Domer-Wilson; and other beloved family and friends.

Dr. Scott truly enjoyed this journey called life and lived it to its fullest.

## IN CELEBRATION OF VIRGINIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION'S MISSION OF MERCY TO NEW ORLEANS

### HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2006*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the wealth and generosity of the American people is possibly the greatest story to come from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Upon seeing their fellow citizens in need, Americans pledged millions of dollars to the Red Cross and other charitable organizations. Families hosted displaced evacuees, while others welcomed strangers into their homes, schools, and houses of worship. I would like to commend one group of volunteers who have put their specialized skills to use in bringing critical services back to New Orleans.

This past Sunday, forty dentists and forty support volunteers from the Commonwealth of Virginia, in conjunction with the Virginia Dental